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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William E. Eisele  
Group Art Unit: 2831  
Appln. No : 10/717,501  
Examiner: Chau Nguyen  
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For : THERMAL SHIELD AND HERMETIC SEAL FOR PREVENTING  
DETERIORATION OF PLASTIC INSULATION IN OPEN ACCESS  
CLOSURES AND METHOD THEREFOR

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 18, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 18, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action together with consideration and allowance of all the claims pending herein, in due course.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.